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1. In late July 1954, as repeatedly observed during July, firing was practiced by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s at the former auxiliary airfield near Dabern-Gahro. The aircraft approached the field at an altitude of about 1,500 meters and dived at the targets at an angle of about 45 degrees. Each aircraft made 3 to 5 attacks while giving a burst of fire each time. During the practice, the training area was off limits and a radio truck was observed there.
2. Since about July, MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s have practiced firing at ground targets at the former Dabern-Gahro airfield. Firing was practiced almost every day except on Sundays. On 12 August, firing practices were again made. The degree of cloudiness changed. The aircraft approached individually and in elements of two, dived at ground targets from an altitude of about 1,500 meters and at an angle of about 45 degrees, and gave a burst of fire of about 3 rounds. They pulled out of dive at an altitude of about 100 meters, climbed while flying a large circle, and then repeated the attack. Each aircraft made 4 or 5 attacks. Subsequently, the aircraft headed toward Finsterwalde. It happened occasionally, that an attack was made without firing. No bombs were dropped. As ground targets, the outline of 4 aircraft were cut in the sod in an area about 300 meters wide. Parts of ammunition belts and brass cartridge cases of two different calibers were found on the area. The No "06" was stamped on the bottom of the larger cartridge case. During the firing practices, trucks and a radio truck with rod antenna were parked

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Comment. The area of the former German airfield near Dabern-Gahro, about 10 km north of Finsterwalde is used for firing practices by pilots of the ground attack division in Alt Loennowitz who are now re-training

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of the manufacturing plant.

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